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Captain Charles Young, 9th United States Cavalry, one of the two colored officers in the regular United States army who have graduated from West Point, arrived yesterday on the transport Logan enroute to Manila whither his regiment has been ordered for active service. Captain Young obtained his present rank on the 3rd of this month, and is therefore the only colored officer in command of a company.

Efficiency and popularity go hand in hand with this officer and every officer and soldier who has come in contact with him has naught but praise for him. As an officer his ability to command is not questioned and he has obtained his present rank in the service by strict attention to duty.

He has been in the army for thirteen years and a member of the same cavalry regiment during that entire period. His command has been garrisoned on the frontier and in the west nearly all of the last two decades, but as yet Captain Young is to see active field service. The exigencies of army life and "luck" as most of the soldiers term it, have kept him in garrison when most of the regiment was in the field fighting Indians. He has, however, performed scouting duty which has shown him a capable officer.

When the Spanish war broke out, Captain, then Lieutenant Young, was instructor of military tactics at Wilberforce College, Ohio. He at once offered his services to the State which were accepted and he was appointed a Major in the 9th Ohio Colored Volunteers, and was sent to Camp Alger, Va., near Washington, D. C.

He has the reputation of having organized and drilled one of the finest battalions which went into service during the Spanish war.

He participated in the grand review before President McKinley the cabinet officers, congressmen and military attaches of the foreign governments and he won the admiration of every officer in the camp by his thoroughly gentlemanly and soldierly qualities. Since being mustered out as a volunteer Major he has been in garrison with a squadron of the 9th Cavalry at Fort Duchesne, Utah, in the Uncompaghe Reservation where the Ute Indians are kept as the wards of the nation. Fort Duchesne is not the most desirable post in the United States and Captain Young and his squadron hailed with joy their orders to go to the Philippines.

The only other colored officer in the army is additional Paymaster John R. Lynch in the volunteer service, who is now stationed at Santiago, Cuba. Captain Young was about the only officer on the Logan yesterday who could not come ashore as he was officer of the day.

JACK UNG WAI SWANG AN AXE

Engineer Spillner's Head Was
in the Way and Trouble
Ensued—Police News.

Judge Wilcox had another easy time yesterday, only eleven cases being slated for consideration. Of these four were nolle prods, and four continued. The charge of assault and battery against Jack Ung Kwai is not unfraught with interest. Defendant is the sausage machine engineer at the Honolulu Meat Market. A Spillner drives the engine.

A few days ago Spillner came to Ung Kwai and told him he was using too much steam in his department, adding that if he did not let up until the boilers had been refilled there was danger of an explosion.

Then Ung Kwai got mad and told Spillner to attend to his own affairs. This disturbed Spillner's equanimity and he made a rush at the Chinaman. Onlookers interfered and held Spillner's hands to prevent him striking the Pake.

Ung Kwai was not slow to note the possibilities of the situation, and, grabbing an axe, struck Spillner a blow over the eye cutting the flesh clean to the bone. The case will be heard tomorrow.

Other cases disposed of were: Jacinto du Rigo, assault and battery on L. Teves, nolle prods.; Keyo Hara, larceny second degree, April 24; Toyama, receiving stolen goods, nolle prods.; A. Lokana, alias A. Fernandez, malicious injury and larceny second degree, nolle prods.; John Oliver, J. Thurston, drunkenness, \$2 and costs; Paaluh, assault and battery on Ah Choy, April 24; George Parker, common nuisance, reprimanded and discharged; Tong Loy, common nuisance, April 25.

Yesterday's bookings included: Tong Loy, common nuisance; John Kalawe and Peter Kauai, assault and battery on Mrs. K. Kalawe; J. Pahu, Omess, Katy, investigation; Coleman, Kaleikua, drunkenness.

McCarthy, the long crimp with the goo-goo eyes, was arrested yesterday for assault and battery on Katy, a native woman, with whom he had been

living. McCarthy discovered the lady in the receipt of attentions from another man and proceeded to beat her unmercifully. When she arrived at the police station, the Deputy Sheriff remarked that it was one of the most brutal cases of assault that he remembered.

Sam Kaena, who was fined on Monday for drunkenness, was not Kaena, the jockey, but another individual of the same name. Kaena, the well-known local horseman, has resided in Honolulu for two years and has not during that time figured in any Police Court proceedings whatever. His reputation is excellent.

There were no developments in the O'Donnell larceny case yesterday but disclosures of a startling nature may be expected in the course of a day or so.

Ben Bruns Departs.

Patent Medicine Spieler Ben Bruns sailed yesterday for San Francisco on the American bark Mohican. He had been going away for the last few months to enjoy a much-needed vacation, but it was not until yesterday that he managed to really take his departure. Ben overworked himself during his six months' vacation in these Islands and has gone to the Coast to recuperate. Ben was sent off in proper style. He took with him the leis and aloha of many, many friends in Honolulu.

Ben is in good company. Captain Kelly is commander of the bark Mohican. Kelly is a wit and Ben is a wit. They will fight it out between them on the way up to the Coast.

Ben will probably commence by entertaining the fishes. Then he will entertain the ship's company. Perhaps he will do the latter while he is treating the fishes.

Captain Kelly is fortunate in having such jolly company on his present voyage. As long as Ben doesn't whistle the bark will no doubt travel along at a good rate. Kelly expects to make the trip in twelve days. His friends give him twenty days to do it.

Honolulu will miss Ben while he is gone but he will return here before long to spend his vacation.

Snow fell in the City of Mexico Sunday, February 17, melting as it came down. In the southwestern suburbs of Mexico, San Angel, Coyacan and Tlalpam there was a real snowstorm, and the tropical plants and trees for a time were mantled in the purest white. But the snow that fell was a mere trifle as compared to the great storm of December 16, 1856. Then it snowed all night, and in the morning the people found the towers and roofs covered deep with snow, and in some cases the roofs of the houses, unable to bear the weight, fell in.



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